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SUBJECT: OPENING OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

1. THE SECOND PART OF THE 27TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE OPENED OCT. 1, ON A NOTE OF HARSH CRITICISM OF THE FRANCO REGIME'S EXECUTION OF FIVE PURPORTED BASQUES REVOLUTIONARIES. THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY, KARL CZERNETZ OF AUSTRIA, ANNOUNCED THAT OVER THE PAST WEEKEND HE SENT A TELEGRAM OF PROTEST TO FRANCO IN THE NAME OF THE ASSEMBLY. SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATES TO THE ASSEMBLY, ALSO USED THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR CRITICISM OF THE EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN. NOTABLY, BERTIL ZACHRISSON, MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS OF SWEDEN PREFACED HIS REMARKS AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION WITH A SHARP DENUNCIATION OF THE SPANISH "DICTATORSHIP". HE ARGUED THE COUNCIL MUST "SHOW OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE GROUPS IN SPAIN WHICH ARE STRUGGLING FOR DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM".

2. COMMENT: INASMUCH AS THE VERY CORNERSTONE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IS THE PROMOTION OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE ASSEMBLY HAS

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JOINED THE EUROPEAN OUTCRY AT THE RECENT EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN

AS IT DID ABOUT THE GREEK COLONELS POLICIES. THE ASSEMBLY HAS  
ALREADY MOVED UP ITS FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF THE SITUATION IN  
SPAIN TO 2 OCTOBER RATHER THAN 4 OCTOBER. COMMENT ON CURRENT  
AFFAIRS IN SPAIN WILL PROBABLY HIGHLIGHT THE CURRENT ASSEMBLY.  
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